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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO MUNICH

1. MINISTERIALRAT TREUTLEIN (BAVARIAN COMMERCE MINISTRY), SECRETARY GENERAL OF PEUTINGER COLLEGIUM, HAS INFORMED ME THAT U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IS CONSIDERING ACCEPTING COLLEGIUM INVITATION TO MAKE ADDRESS IN MUNICH ON NATO PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION IN NATO MINISTERIAL COUNCIL DECEMBER 9-10. ACCORDING TREUTLEIN, MEMBER OF COLLEGIUM HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SCHLESINGER'S OFFICE AND HAS BEEN TOLD THAT FIRM ANSWER WILL BE FORTHCOMING NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15.

2. TREUTLEIN HAS ASKED ASSISTANCE OF CON GEN IN ESTABLISHING STATUS AND BONA FIDES OF PEUTLINGER COLLEGIUM IN ORDER INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF SECRETARY'S ACCEPTANCE. WE ARE GLAD TO DO THIS.

3. PEUTINGER COLLEGIUM IS SEMI-OFFICIAL DISCUSSION GROUP PARTICIPATED IN BY HIGHEST LEVELS BAVARIAN POLITICAL, INTELLECTUAL AND GOVERNMENTAL CIRCLES. IT IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY MATTERS, AND PREVIOUS SPEAKERS IN THIS CYCLE HAVE
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INCLUDED NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS AND AUSTRIAN

DEFENSE MINISTER LUETGENDORF. DINNER OR LUNCHEON FOR HIGH RANKING SPEAKERS ARE USUALLY HOSTED BY TOP LEVEL BAVARIAN OFFICIAL (LUNS WAS INVITED TO LUNCHEON BY BAVARIAN MINISTER PRESIDENT GOPPEL).

4. I BELIEVE THAT PEUTINGER GROUP PROVIDES EXCELLENT AND INFLUENTIAL FORUM FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S APPEARANCE IN MUNICH, AND TALK BY HIM WOULD BE GIVEN WIDESPREAD MEDIA COVERAGE.

5. INCIDENTALLY, SHOULD THIS VISIT TAKE PLACE, WOULD IT BE LIKELY CONFLICT IN ANY WAY WITH REPORTED (IN BAVARIAN PRESS OF SEPTEMBER 24) INTENTION OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO VISIT FUERTH SOMETIME IN DECEMBER WITH HIS PARENTS IN ORDER TO ACCEPT HONORARY CITIZENSHIP IN THE CITY OF HIS BIRTH?SPIVACK

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